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Fabrication Areas

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- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) _____, and/or
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5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
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Respectfully submitted,



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